Dear Emory,

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I wish that I could not distinguish between what I've forgotten and what I may never have known in your excellent and informative letter of the 20th.

I'm glad you are pursuing this because it may well be one of the areas more likely to yield new and worthwhile information.

It seems to me that there must be different categories of skills that are included in the MOS 6400 because, if I remember the testimony of those who were at Jacksonville with Oswald they all came out radar operators, so that must be a category of Basic Aircr aft Maintenance Man.

If this is true, is not the next logical step, as you put it, to send any graduate to get further training to whatever post has the appropriate schooling? Not nessessarily a mechanic school. One might deal with motors, another with other parts, like rotors, or all the mechanical things may be at one school and the men to do mechanical work goes there. Another for the electrical stuff, etc.

I have no recollection of the others not recalling Oswald from Jacksonville but I don't doubt your word on this. I'd thought otherwise.

The only other-than-Oswald theory I subscribe to is the one I stated in my first book, as a "false" Oswald. Not a "second" one. But I d never had any reason to believe there was one before the time of the assassination. I have trouble believing that any counterfeiting of him having to do with any future conspiracy of any kind could have originated that early.

I agree with you that it would have been quite unusual for Oswald records to have been destroyed given his later career, public before any destruction could have been legal .

Have you thought of making a request of the St. Louis center itself? Rather than having the agencies make that request, pèshaps limiting or rephrasing it?

I never did anything about his claim to plan to attend the Schweitzer college. As best I can now recall, I may in the early days have believed that he had not really intended to and may have been using that as a cover.

Those who love to obfuscate and stonewall are irritating but pe sistence is sometimes successful. Good luck!

and thanks,

Harold